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Nathan Nelson Farmstead
New Market vicinity
Private

Ca. 1840-1920

The Nathan Nelson Farmstead consists of a frame two-story dwelling with wood shingle siding and several remaining outbuildings ranging in date from about 1825-1840 to 1910. The house has a one-story veranda on the north and east and a traditional L-shaped plan with a rear wing. It was probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century to replace an earlier dwelling and may incorporate parts of the original structure. Nearby are a one-story stone outbuilding with two rooms which was possibly a summer kitchen/smokehouse or possibly a slave quarter. This building is undergoing extensive restoration and most of its original interior finishes and the windows and doors have been removed. Other buildings in the domestic group are a frame privy and a frame hog barn, both built in the early 20th century. A much-altered wagon shed/corn crib and equipment shed of the period about 1890-1910 are nearby and a stone barn possibly built about 1825-1840 is located east of the house. It has been altered by repairs to the west gable end in concrete block. A Nelson family cemetery with approximately six graves is located south of the barn. The farmstead is minimally significant in architecture for the stonemasonry of the barn and the domestic outbuilding, both of which have lost integrity through repairs and rehabilitation.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes x noMaryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Nathan Nelson Farmstead

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 7202 Central Church Road not for publicationcity, town New Market x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u> </u> district | <u> </u> public | <u> </u> x occupied | <u> </u> agriculture | <u> </u> museum |
| <u> </u> x building(s) | <u> </u> x private | <u> </u> unoccupied | <u> </u> commercial | <u> </u> park |
| <u> </u> structure | <u> </u> both | <u> </u> work in progress | <u> </u> educational | <u> </u> x private residence |
| <u> </u> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <u> </u> entertainment | <u> </u> religious |
| <u> </u> object | <u> </u> in process | <u> </u> x yes: restricted | <u> </u> government | <u> </u> scientific |
| | <u> </u> being considered | <u> </u> yes: unrestricted | <u> </u> industrial | <u> </u> transportation |
| | <u> </u> x not applicable | <u> </u> no | <u> </u> military | <u> </u> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Daniel L. & Gail M. Glick

street & number P.O. Box 296 telephone no.:

city, town New Market state and zip code MD 21774

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1176

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 968

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 8

The Nathan Nelson Farmstead is centered on a two-story frame dwelling with a wood shingled exterior cladding built about 1875 and six contributing domestic and agricultural outbuildings, including a circa 1825-1840 stone bank barn, a stone smokehouse/summer kitchen of about the same date, a frame privy, a frame hog barn, a frame wagon shed/corn crib, and a frame equipment shed, all dating from the late 19th to early 20th century. A small family cemetery containing about six Nelson gravestones is located south of the bank barn. The farmstead is located on the west side of Central Church Road at the end of an approximately 1/2-mile long driveway, the entrance to which is about 1,125 feet west of Central Chapel Methodist Church near New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural features, historical maps, and a biographical sketch of Henry Nelson in Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910).

The dwelling has a traditional L-shaped plan with a rectangular main section and a perpendicular rear wing. The north elevation has three bays on the first story and two on the second. A one-story veranda extends from the west side of the center doorway to the northeast corner and along the east side of the main section. The windows are 6/6 and the roof is standing seam metal. The door has a glazed upper panel. The rear wing has a single interior chimney at the junction with the main section. The windows in the main section facing south have been replaced with paired 1/1 sash. The gable ends of the house have a single off-center bay. The foundation is exposed on the west and south and has been heavily plastered, concealing its original material, but it is probably stone. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Domestic outbuildings:

Smokehouse/summer kitchen: The stone one-story building located west of the dwelling is being restored and the doors and windows are missing. The roof is covered with asphalt material. The building has two rooms, the southern room having a rebuilt stone fireplace. The walls are newly replastered. Similar buildings in other farmsteads of the early 19th century have varying uses, usually involving cooking in at least one room, either as a summer kitchen or for butchering activities. The other room was often a smokehouse or meat storage room. In other cases, the building was traditionally believed to have been slave quarters. The integrity of the Nathan Nelson outbuilding has been obscured by the ongoing restoration and its original interior finishes and trim are missing, so that a determination of its original use is no longer possible by observation. Its exterior stonework indicates that it was probably one of the earliest buildings in the farmstead and predates the existing dwelling.

Privy: The early 20th century frame privy located just south of the smokehouse/summer kitchen has vertical board siding and a standing seam metal shed roof. The door is on the east elevation.

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8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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Specific dates C. 1840–1899

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Nathan Nelson Farmstead is minimally significant for the stonemasonry of the barn and the smokehouse/summer kitchen, both of which have been altered by restoration. The buildings date from the period about 1825–1840 and exemplify in their exterior appearance the general form of their types. The barn has been repaired with concrete block and the smokehouse/summer kitchen is currently being restored and most of its interior finishes, the stone chimney, and the windows and doors have been removed. The farmstead was probably established in the first quarter of the 19th century by Henry Nelson, the father of Nathan Nelson (1798–1875). The original dwelling of the farm appears to have been replaced in the second half of the 19th century, although parts of an early 19th century building could be incorporated in the structure. Deed records of the late 19th century refer to the property as the "Home Farm of the late Nathan Nelson". The 1910 History of Frederick County contains a brief reference to Henry Nelson's establishment of the farm and goes on to describe Nathan Nelson as devoting his entire life to cultivating the home property, while also serving as a County Commissioner.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-102

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone, V.2. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966.

Land Records of Frederick County

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, V.2., 1910.

Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, 1122.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10 acres

Quadrangle name Walkersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 10 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 69, Parcel 22.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1994

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city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

Hog barn: The deteriorated frame hog barn is located south of the domestic group. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. A concrete block wallow is on the south side of the building. The hog barn appears to have been built in the first quarter of the 20th century.

Wagon shed/corn crib and equipment shed: The wagon shed and small equipment shed are located on the north side of the entrance drive northeast of the dwelling. The equipment shed is in deteriorated condition and has an open side on the south elevation and a standing seam metal shed roof. The wagon shed/corn crib has been considerably altered, with a modern sliding glass door in the center of the south elevation, where the original drive-through passage has been closed off. The siding on the east and west is vertical board with board and batten in the loft above the original opening. Shed additions are on both sides of the building. The roof is corrugated metal. Both the sheds appear to have been built about 1890-1900.

Stone barn: The stone barn is located east of the dwelling and a large open space lies between the barn and the wagon shed/corn crib and equipment shed, contrary to the usual siting of the grain storage buildings near the animal barn. The barn has undergone extensive repairs in the past, indicated by a concrete block infill on the west gable end. The roof is standing seam metal and a non-contributing concrete silo is located near the ramp on the north side of the barn. Double swing doors open from the ramp to the upper barn level. Vertical vent slits are in the stone walls. A frame loafing shed of the early or mid 20th century adjoins the barn on the south. The barn appears to date from the period about 1825-1840.

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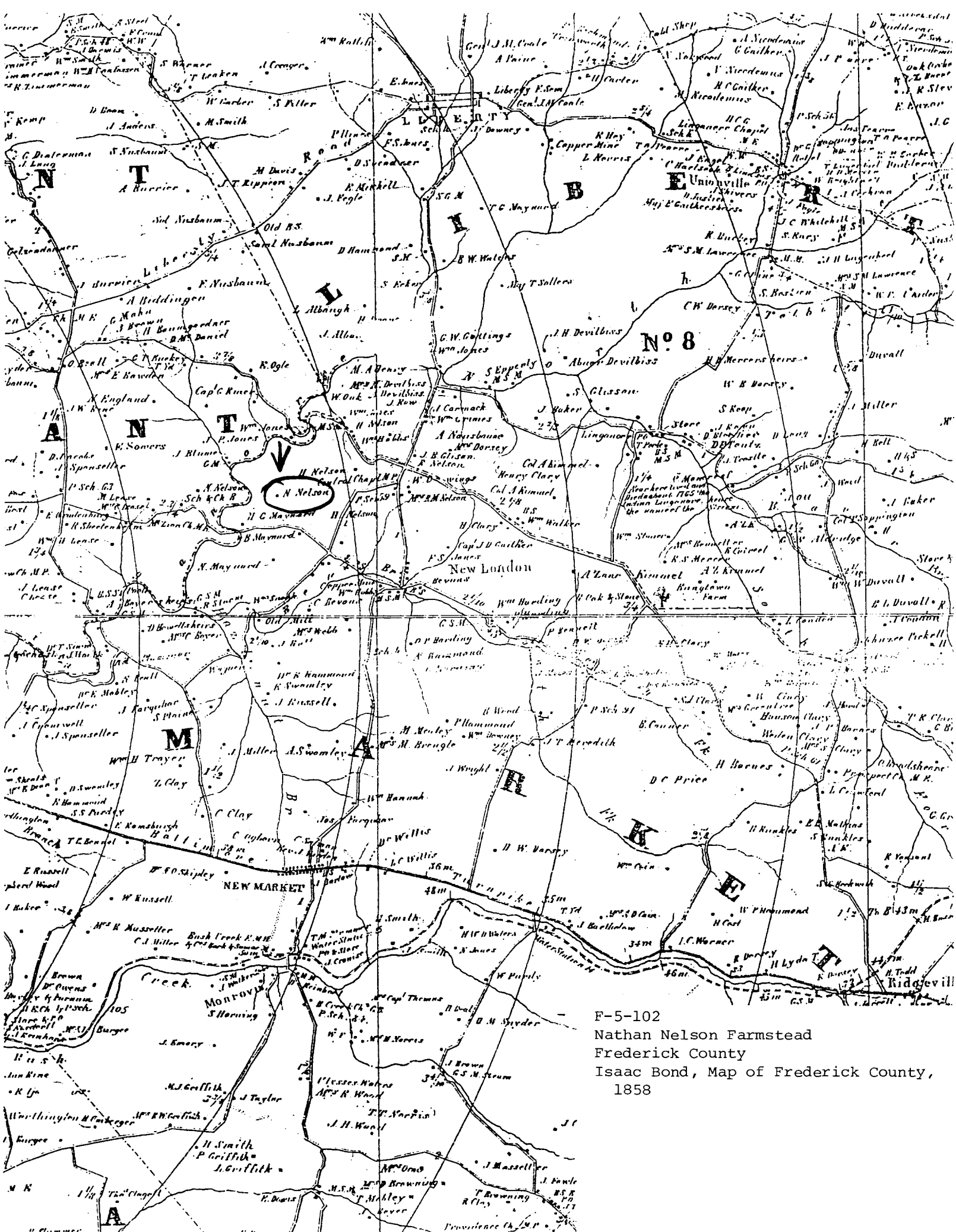
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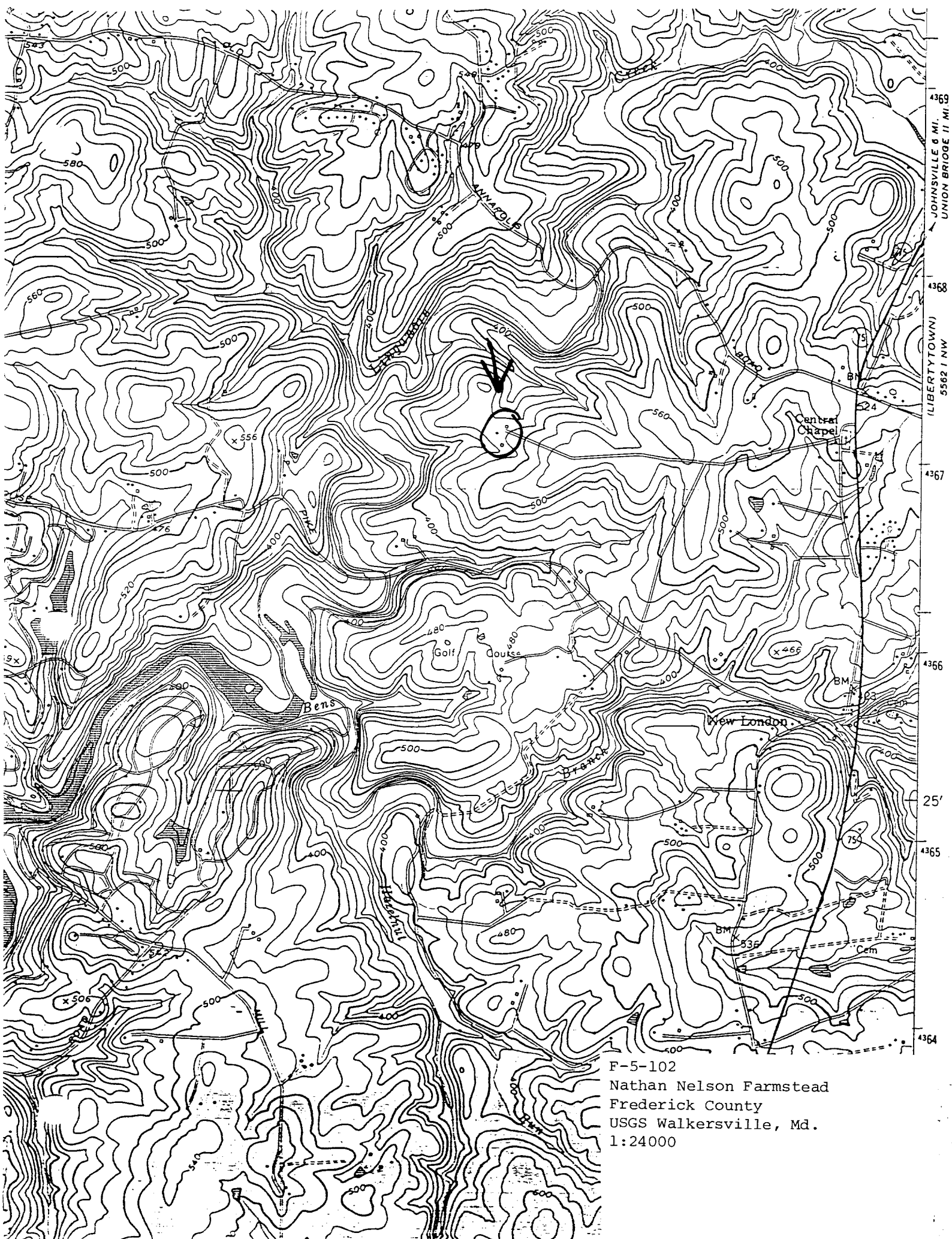
720 2. Central Church

| Liber/Folio | Grantee | Grantor | Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous | Cost |
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| 1176/968 29 apr 82 | Daniel L. & Hail M. Glick | L. Ronald Schuman & Ethel Schuman | 247 A., 1 R., 1949 p. | \$66,820.80 |
| 1040/350 16 Jan 78 | Daniel L. Glick et ux & L. Ronald Schuman et ux | Murray H. Fout, pers. rep. of estate of Nettie F. Jones dec. | 247 A. | \$252,500 |
| 496/294 21 Sept 51 | Nettie P. Jones & Charles Nelson Stevens | Elmer S. & Margaret C. Gesswein | 247 A. | |
| 446/115 26 Jan 45 | Elmer S. Gess- wein et ux | Ellen McHenry Bruce, unkm., et al | 247 1/4 A. 14 sq. Rods | |
| 442/151 29 Apr 44 | Ellen McHenry Bruce & James & Ellen Keyser | Catherine R. Bauserman Bruce | 271 A. 24 1/3 p. less 34 as sold to Roy C. Davall, 1941 Catherine received property from Martin by Martin's LW&T, CHB 1/313, 1 May 18 | |
| 310/367 5 Nov-14 | Martin L. Bauserman | Walker Neill & L. Vinton Joliffe, his wife | 1st Tract: "Home Farm" of Nathan Nelson 270 A. 2 R., 33 1/3 p. subject to restrictions regarding graveyard on said farm mentioned in dec from John M. Clary to J. M. Ganney | |
| 310/121 31 Jul 14 | Walker Neill Joliffe et ux | James M. & Bessie C. Ganney | | |
| 308/376 30 Mar 14 | James M. Ganney | John M. & Adelaide H. Clary | Home Farm of late Nathan Nelson 1) WIP 9/324, 6 June 1889 2) DHH 7/214, 7 June 1900 270 A., 2 R. Clary heirs reserve right to maintain fence around cemetery & access to & from | |
| WIP 9/324 6 June 1889 | John M. Clary | Susan R. Nelson (daughter of Nathan) sister of Mary Jane | Home Farm of late Nathan Nelson 270 A., 2 R., 33 1/3 sq. p. Civil Record SEC SEC 1/621, 1875 | \$5250 |
| DHH 7/214 7 June 1900 | James John M. Clary et ux | Mary Jane Clary (mother of John M.) | parts of "Friendship"; "Partnership"; "Nathan's Undertaking" 28 3/4 A., 24 sq. p. | |

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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County,
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